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SUBJECT: RED: ECAFE: MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. IN A PRIVATE MEETING WITH US DEPUTY PERMREP SEPTEMBER 4  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2. MARAMIS PLANS TO GO TO NEW YORK LATE OCTOBER FOR GA SESSION  
AND TENTATIVELY PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 6-8. HE  
WILL CONFIRM PLANS BY EARLY OCTOBER.

3. EASTERBROOK-SMITH (NZ) HAS DECLINED APPOINTMENT AS DEPUTY  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. NEW YORK WOULD NOT APPROVE APPOINTMENT AT  
D-2 LEVEL AND INSISTED THAT EASTERBROOK-SMITH AND SURARWARDANE  
(SRI LANKA) HAVE EQUAL RANK AT D-1 LEVEL. MARAMIS HOPES TO  
FIND ANOTHER NEW ZEALAND OR AUSTRALIAN CANDIDATE AND WOULD  
APPRECIATE RECEIVING SUGGESTIONS.

4. MARAMIS HAS ASKED SIX QUOTE WISE MEN UNQUOTE TO ADVISE HIM  
ON LONG-TERM PROGRAM AND FUNCTIONS OF ECAFE FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT  
ON PROBLEMS OF MASS POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT, POPULATION GROWTH  
AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. (DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE BEING  
OUCHED). THE GROUP WOULD BE HEADED BY DR. OKITA (JAPAN) AND  
WOULD - HOPEFULLY - INCLUDE WIDJOJO OR SUMITRO (INDONESIAN),  
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K.N. RAJ (INDIA), MOHAMMED YAGANEH (IRAN CENTRAL BANK), GUNNER

MYRDAL AND RAOUL PREBISCH. MARAMIS HOPES THAT THE GROUP CAN BEGIN ITS STUDY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND MAKE A REPORT TO HIM BEFORE THE 30TH ECAFE SESSION IN COLOMBO. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE SPECIFY THAT THE GROUP SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE RECOMMENDATIONS COMING OUT OF THE CURRENT PERMREPS REVIEW OF ECAFE. THE COST OF THE STUDY IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT \$120,000 WHICH MARAMIS HOPES TO OBTAIN THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DEVELOPED MEMBER COUNTRIES.

5. MARAMIS EXPRESSED THE WISH TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH A SMALL GROUP OF INTERESTED PERMREPS PRIOR TO THE FORMAL SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 20 ON ECAFE REORGANIZATION. HE HAD ALREADY CONVEYED THIS IDEA TO THE NETHERLANDS PERMREP (FEIN) AND ASKED HIM TO BRING TOGETHER SUCH A GROUP FOR A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 7. HE HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN INFORMED BY THE INDONESIAN PARTICIPANT OF THE WORK OF THE INDONESIA/JAPAN/NETHERLANDS/NZ/US PLANNING GROUP AND HAD THEM IN MIND WHEN MAKING HIS REQUEST. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO THE SUGGESTION THAT MALAYSIAN AND SRI LANKA REPRESENTATIVES (WHO ARE WELL-INFORMED AND OPEN-MINDED) BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING.

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